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MEMORANDUM FOR

Mr. Peter Tarnoff Executive Secretary Department of State

Brig. Gen. Carl Smith Military Assistant to the Secretary of Defense Department of Defense

SUBJECT:

Invitation to Argentine Chief of Army Staff

Although it was decided at the V-B-B that Ambassador Smith was to invite Vaquero to the United States, we understand that, on advice of Embassy Buenos Aires, he did not do so. He did, however, tell Foreign Minister Pastor that we would welcome a high-level visit, and intimated to Vaquero that he would be welcome as long as there were no untoward developments in US-Argentine relations. (C)

Would you please coordinate our next step in this and inform us by April 10 whether and, if so, how and when the invitation will be extended to General Vaquero. (C)

> Christine Dodson Staff Secretary

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